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1. [] [] advised on Project [] that apparently Senator Cooper had declined to serve and there was some mention of Chester Bowles and Representative Saund. I suggested he might try to elicit more specific information on the actual contacts with congressmen and whether or not the approaches were on a witting basis. (I will also check this with Mr. Critchfield.)

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2. [] Talked with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee, mentioning the anonymous letter received by Mr. Kilday concerning the next two defectors from NSA. I advised him that DOD should be forwarding him a letter soon which will point out that one of the men named is with CIA and that in the next few days I will brief him on our situation. Slatinshek indicated they were not greatly concerned over this but necessarily had to forward it to the Defense Department for comment. I have asked [] for an appropriate report with the view that possibly this can be handled on an informal exchange. ✓

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3. [] Talked with Des Fitzgerald who indicated that Mr. Bissell approved of our attempting to arrange a meeting with Senator Kennedy and the Vice President of the Philippines for some time after the election. Also advised [] that we must be flexible on our timing to fit Senator Kennedy's schedule including travelling the individual, if necessary.

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In view of the fact that General Cabell was going to the West Coast to brief Senator Kennedy presumably on general intelligence matters, Fitzgerald and I agreed that we would raise with General Cabell the question of whether he could propose this meeting to the Senator. Subsequently, I reached General Cabell at Friendship Airport and suggested the above. General Cabell agreed to do this, raising it in principle and leaving to representatives of the Agency and the Senator to work out specific time and place. Also I conveyed to General Cabell the information I had received from [] in San Diego to the effect that Senator Kennedy was not going to San Diego tonight but was leaving at mid-morning tomorrow by private plane and his representatives had suggested that General Cabell could go down from Los Angeles in the Senator's plane. General Cabell thought this would be fine with him. I advised the General I would inform his office and [] who could contact [] in Los Angeles so that all necessary details would be available to General Cabell when he leaves.

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